

Mark Bouton

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Inspector in Charge  
OPCA  
FBIHQ  
Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

Dear Inspector:

Enclosed is one (1) copy of a non-fiction manuscript entitled *How to Spot Lies Like the FBI*, which was written by retired FBI agent Mark M. Bouton. It was not written on Bureau time and was not a previously approved FBI project. No FBI files or other records were accessed in connection with the preparation of the manuscript.

The manuscript contains no confidential information obtained in the course of retired SA Bouton's official duties and has not been submitted to any publisher. No confidential, sensitive, or secret compartmentalized information is known to be contained therein. No information about the FBI is included which is not available to the public through such means as the media, FOIPA, and/or court records.

The manuscript will be submitted to commercial publishers that handle non-fiction books and compensation will be sought. Author is no longer a Special Agent of the FBI. He will be identified only as an ex-FBI agent.

It is requested that OPCA review enclosed manuscript and advise whether approval for publication is granted. Thanks for your help.

Sincerely,



Mark Bouton

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

October 17, 2008

Mr. Mark Bouton

[Redacted Address]

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Re: Manuscript titled, "How to Spot Lies Like the FBI"

Dear Mr. Bouton,

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) received your submission on October 17, 2008, requesting prepublication review of your manuscript titled, "How to Spot Lies Like the FBI."

The FBI's prepublication review policy provides for a review period of thirty business days not counting the day of receipt. This review period can be extended depending upon the complexity of the materials being reviewed, but in most cases the reviews are completed within the thirty business day period. A review of your submission is in progress and we will advise of the results upon completion.

Should you have any questions, please contact [Redacted] at 540-868-1967.  
Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

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Sincerely,

*Mailed 10-17-08*

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

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PREPUB-3057



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

December 3, 2008

Mark Bouton

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Re: Manuscript entitled, "How to Spot Lies Like the FBI"

Dear Mr. Bouton,

This letter is in response to the October 17, 2008, submission for review, pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) (Manual of Administrative Operations and Procedures (MAOP), Part I, 1-24), of your manuscript titled, "How to Spot Lies Like the FBI."

The manuscript was reviewed pursuant to the terms of the PRP and it was concluded that nothing contained in the submission fell within a restricted area of disclosure. Therefore, there is no objection to your making the remarks, as presented, for publication.

Should you have any questions, please contact [Redacted] at 540-868-1697. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

Sincerely,

*mailed 12/9/08*

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

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PREPUBLICATION REVIEW OFFICE INPUT SHEET

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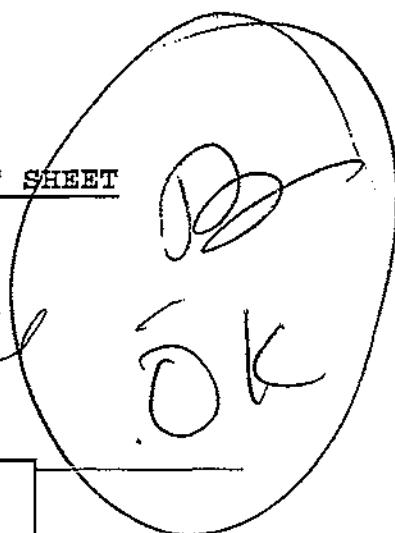
Date/Method of Receipt:

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Requestor/Author Information:

Name: Mark Bouter

Address:



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Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Title/Description:

# of pages: 279

Manuscript, 'How to spot lies like the FBI?'

Assignment Information:

Assigned to:

Hardy

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Difficulty:      Simple      Medium      Difficult

Estimated Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Closed: 12/9/08

Date of Response Letter: \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous: \_\_\_\_\_

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October 21, 2008

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Prepublication Review Office  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Ref: Interview of Former Special Agent of the FBI Jack B. Simpson

Dear [redacted]

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The enclosed transcription of an interview of former Special Agent Jack B. Simpson was conducted by former Special Agent John B. McAvoy on July 9, 2008. It has been edited for repetitions and spelling. Mr. Simpson has read the transcription and made his corrections. This final transcription was completed on October 21, 2008.

The transcription includes an index.

We request your review of the material so that it can be made available to scholars and researchers interested in this period of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Please call me at [redacted] if you have any further questions about this submission. Any correspondence should be addressed to the address below. Thank you for your assistance in completing this review.

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Sincerely,  
  
Brian R. Hollstein  
Manager, FBI Oral History Heritage Project

[redacted]

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

December 3, 2008

Mr. Brian Hollstein  
Oral History Project  
Society of Former Special Agents

[Redacted]

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Re: "The FBI Oral History Project: Interview of Former FBI  
Special Agent Jack B. Simpson"

Dear Mr. Hollstein,

This letter is in response to the October 21, 2008, submission for review, pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) (Manual of Administrative Operations and Procedures (MAOP), Part I, 1-24), of a transcript of an interview with former SA Jack B. Simpson for "The Oral History Project."

The transcript was reviewed pursuant to the terms of the PRP and it was concluded that nothing contained in the manuscript fell within a restricted area of disclosure. Therefore, there is no objection to your providing the transcript, as presented, for publication.

Should you have any questions, please contact [Redacted] at 540-868-1697. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

Sincerely,

*mailed 12/9/08*

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

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PREPUB-3061

PREPUBLICATION REVIEW OFFICE INPUT SHEET

Prepub #: PPR 09 - 011

Date/Method of Receipt:

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Requestor/Author Information:

Name: Brian Hollstein / SOFSAs

Address:

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Telephone:

Fax:

Email:

Title/Description:  # of pages: 17

Interview of former SA Jack B. Simpson

Assignment Information:

Assigned to:  Handy

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Difficulty: Simple  Medium  Difficult

Estimated Completion Date:

Closed: 12/9/08 Date of Response Letter:

Miscellaneous:

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October 16, 2008

[Redacted]  
Prepublication Review Office  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

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Ref: Interview of Former Special Agent of the FBI Wayne G. Davis

Dear [Redacted]

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The enclosed transcription of an interview of former Special Agent Wayne G. Davis was conducted by former Special Agent Brian R. Hollstein on June 18, 2008. It has been edited for repetitions and spelling. Mr. Davis has read the transcription and made his corrections. This final transcription was completed on October 16, 2008.

The transcription includes an index.

We request your review of the material so that it can be made available to scholars and researchers interested in this period of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Please call me at [Redacted] if you have any further questions about this submission. Any correspondence should be addressed to the address below. Thank you for your assistance in completing this review.

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Sincerely,  
  
Brian R. Hollstein  
Manager, FBI Oral History Heritage Project

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U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

December 3, 2008

Mr. Brian Hollstein  
Oral History Project  
Society of Former Special Agents

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Re: "The FBI Oral History Project: Interview of Former FBI  
Special Agent Wayne G. Davis"

Dear Mr. Hollstein,

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Should you have any questions, please contact [Redacted] at 540-868-1697. Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

Sincerely,

*mailed 12/9/08*

David M. Hardy  
Section Chief  
Record/Information  
Dissemination Section  
Records Management Division

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October 15, 2008

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Prepublication Review Office  
Records Management Division  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C. 20535-0001

Ref: Interview of Former Special Agent of the FBI Ralph N. Butler

Dear [redacted]

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The enclosed transcription of an interview of former Special Agent Ralph N. Butler was conducted by former Special Agent E. Avery Rollins on July 11, 2008. It has been edited for repetitions and spelling. Mr. Butler has read the transcription and made his corrections. This final transcription was completed on October 15, 2008.

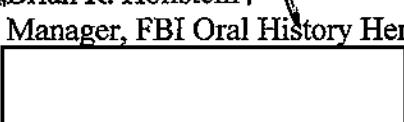
The transcription includes an index and addenda.

We request your review of the material so that it can be made available to scholars and researchers interested in this period of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Please call me at [redacted] if you have any further questions about this submission. Any correspondence should be addressed to the address below. Thank you for your assistance in completing this review.

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Sincerely,  
  
Brian R. Hollstein  
Manager, FBI Oral History Heritage Project



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PREPUB-3066

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
May 29, 1941

Mr. Ralph Butler  
Boaz, Alabama

Dear Mr. Butler:

Reference is made to your application for appointment to the position of Messenger in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice.

In this connection you should communicate with the Special Agent in Charge of the Birmingham Field Division of this Bureau not later than June 5, 1941, and make arrangements with him for a personal interview. His address is 320 Federal Building, Birmingham, Alabama.

Any expenses incurred in connection with the above travel must be borne by you.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

July 6, 1942.

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Butler:

You are hereby transferred from one position to another in the Federal Bureau of Investigation as indicated:

From

Position: Junior Clerk-Typist

Assignment: Division Four, Files Section

Grade: CAF 2      Salary: \$1440 per annum

Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation"  
(National Defense) DEPARTMENTAL

To

Position: Assistant Clerk

Assignment: Division Four, Files Section

Grade: CAF 3      Salary: \$1620 per annum

Appropriation: "Salaries and Expenses, Federal Bureau of Investigation"  
(National Defense) DEPARTMENTAL.

Effective: July 16, 1942.

Respectfully,

*Frank Murphy*

Attorney General.

By the Attorney General:

*James C. Clegg*  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
September 19, 1942

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butler:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of September 17, 1942, submitting your resignation as an Assistant Clerk in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, and you are advised that same is being accepted, without prejudice, effective at the close of business November 6, 1942, active duty to cease at the close of business October 15, 1942.

In order that you may be reimbursed for the deductions which were made from your salary for retirement purposes you should execute and return the enclosed Application for Refund of Retirement Deductions to the Chief Clerk's Office of the Bureau. For your information the jurat of this form should not be executed more than thirty days prior to the effective date of your resignation.

It is indeed a pleasure to know you have enjoyed your connection with this Bureau and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the kind expressions contained in your letter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 19, 1942

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice

Dear Mr. Butler:

Your voluntary resignation as an Assistant Clerk in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, is hereby accepted, without prejudice, effective at the close of November 6, 1942.

Respectfully,

*Francis Biddle*

Attorney General.

By the Attorney General:

*John P. Dunn*  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

April 7, 1947

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
320 Sulphur Springs Road  
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Butler:

You are hereby offered a probationary appointment in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, as a Clerk in Grade CAF 3, with salary at the rate of \$2168.28 per annum, less five per cent deduction for retirement purposes. This appointment will become permanent upon the satisfactory completion of a one year probationary period. All salaries are subject to the Federal Withholding Tax of approximately fifteen per cent.

All employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation are presently working six days weekly which will continue through June 30, 1947. Payment for the sixth day is on an overtime basis which will amount to an additional \$25.02, less withholding tax deductions, each bi-weekly pay period.

It is requested that you advise this office at once of your acceptance of this appointment. Upon its acceptance, you should proceed immediately to the Special Agent in Charge, 523 Federal Building, Mobile, Alabama, at your own expense for oath of office and assignment.

This letter, which should be considered strictly ~~con~~  
~~fidential~~ and given no publicity, should be presented when you report for duty.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

August 4, 1948

IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO

FILE No. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Butler:

Your headquarters are being changed, public business permitting, from Knoxville, Tennessee, to San Juan, Puerto Rico, effective upon your arrival there on or after this date.

This change is being made for official reasons and not for your personal convenience. You will accordingly be allowed your necessary expenses of transportation and a per diem in lieu of subsistence of \$6.00 in connection therewith, such expenses to include the transportation of your immediate family as provided for in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946.

You are authorized to use a privately owned automobile in connection with your transfer and you will be reimbursed at the rate of five cents per mile, not to exceed the cost of common carrier by the most direct route, of all persons officially traveling in that vehicle.

The transportation of your household goods and personal effects will be paid in accordance with regulations contained in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR



Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.  
September 1, 1948

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

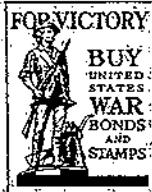
Dear Mr. Butler:

I am indeed pleased to advise you that you have been recommended for promotion from the position of Clerk, \$2573.52 per annum in Grade CAF 3, to the position of Radio Operator, \$3718.50 per annum in Grade CAF 5, effective August 22, 1948.

This promotion includes an increase of 25 per cent of the salary presently received by you due to your assignment outside of the continental United States. Upon your return to assignment within the continental United States the increase herein approved will necessarily be rescinded.

Sincerely yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director





United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

April 11, 1949

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Mr. Butler:

Your headquarters are being changed, public business permitting, from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to Washington, D. C., effective upon your arrival there on or after this date. You should report to the Chief Clerk's Office, Room 5517, U. S. Department of Justice Building for assignment.

This change is made for official reasons and not primarily for your convenience or benefit, or at your request. You will be allowed your necessary expenses of transportation and per diem in lieu of subsistence of \$6.00 for travel within the United States and for ocean travel by air, and a per diem in lieu of subsistence of \$7.00 for ocean travel by steamship. The transportation of your immediate family is authorized in accordance with Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946.

You are authorized to use a privately owned automobile in connection with your transfer and you will be reimbursed at the rate of five cents per mile not to exceed the cost of common carrier by the most direct route of all persons officially traveling in that vehicle.

The transportation of your household goods and personal effects is authorized in accordance with regulations contained in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946, as amended.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director



United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.  
August 9, 1949



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Butler:

Your headquarters are being changed, public business permitting, from Washington, D. C., to Birmingham, Alabama, effective upon your arrival there on or after this date.

This change is made for official reasons and not primarily for your convenience or benefit, or at your request. You will be allowed your necessary expenses of transportation and a per diem in lieu of subsistence of \$9.00 in connection therewith, such expenses to include the transportation of your immediate family as provided for in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946.

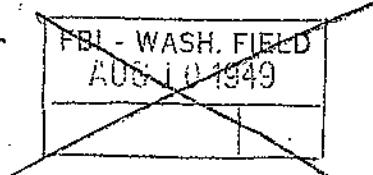
You are authorized to use a privately owned automobile in connection with your transfer and you will be reimbursed at the rate of seven cents per mile not to exceed the cost of common carrier by the most direct route, plus incidental expenses in connection therewith, of all persons officially traveling in that vehicle. Should your dependents travel by privately owned automobile separate and apart from you, mileage at seven cents per mile is authorized under the same conditions as above.

The transportation of your household goods and personal effects will be paid in accordance with regulations contained in Public Law 600 of August 2, 1946, and Executive Order 9805, approved November 25, 1946, as amended.

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Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
February 15, 1955

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Butler:

You are hereby offered a probationary appointment as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, in Grade GS 10, with salary at the rate of \$5500 per annum less six per cent deduction for retirement purposes. Since this appointment is probationary for a period of one year, after which time it will become permanent, it is to be understood that it will be necessary for you to demonstrate during your probationary period your fitness for continued employment in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. All salaries are subject to the necessary Federal Withholding Tax. You will also be allowed your expenses of travel in accordance with existing regulations, when absent from official headquarters, which will be fixed at Washington, D. C., effective upon your entry on duty and thereafter changed in accordance with your field assignments. You should proceed to Washington, D. C., at your own expense in order to assume your official duties.

It is understood you are to proceed on orders to any part of the country where the exigencies of the service may require and it should be clearly understood that you will continue to be completely available for general and special assignment whenever and wherever the needs of the service demand. Further, you cannot expect an assignment to an office of your own preference. You should, therefore, so arrange your personal matters before taking oath of office that you will be able to accept assignment to any part of the country where your services may be needed.

You should notify this office at once if this appointment is accepted. If it is not accepted immediately it will be cancelled. Should you accept, you are directed to report for oath of office and assignment to Room 634, Old Post Office Building, 12th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C., at 9:00 A. M. on March 14, 1955.

Your assignment during the sixteen weeks, five days per week, training period will be at Washington, D. C., and Quantico, Virginia. No per diem is paid while in Washington; however, the period of training will include approximately eight weeks at the FBI Academy at Quantico, Virginia, where a per diem of \$4.80 will be allowed. It will not be possible for the wives and families of appointees to be domiciled at Quantico during the period of training.

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Birmingham, Alabama

You should provide yourself with the following: one navy gray shirt and one pair of navy gray trousers for use on the firearms range; two pairs of white wool socks; one pair of gray athletic trunks, preferably with elastic waist; one athletic supporter; one gray sweat shirt; one pair of gymnasium shoes, either high or low (avoid black composition rubber soles that will mark floors); one pair of slippers for shower room use (if klaks or clogs are preferred they should have rubber soles). You should bring these items with you or they may be purchased in Washington after your arrival. You should also bring an adequate supply of business-type clothing.

Due to limited parking space, Agents are not permitted to take automobiles to Quantico. Storage space charges for automobiles in Washington are approximately \$1.25 per day.

Storage space for luggage at Quantico is likewise limited, and it is, therefore, desired that only a limited amount of clothing be brought by the Agent.

This appointment is subject to cancellation or postponement prior to your entry on duty. You should also read carefully and closely the enclosed letter setting forth certain conditions under which the appointment is accepted and if the conditions are thoroughly understood, it is requested you sign and return the letter to this office immediately.

If you have been placed on notice by any armed service that you are about to be ordered to active duty therein, please advise this Bureau so that this appointment may be cancelled.

This appointment, which should be considered strictly ~~confidential~~ and given no publicity, should be presented when you report for oath of office.

It is noted from the physical report submitted by you under date of January 25, 1955, that a serology test was not made and you are advised this appointment is contingent upon the submission of a satisfactory serology report at the time of entry on duty.

Sincerely yours,

*J. E. Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
P. O. BOX 1944  
UNIVERSITY, ALABAMA 35486

FLOYD H. MANN  
SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO  
THE PRESIDENT

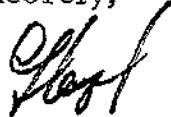
August 11, 1972

Mr. Ralph Butler  
2121 8th Avenue, North  
Birmingham, Alabama 35203

Dear Mr. Butler:

In further appreciation to you for the contribution you have made personally to our Training School at the University, I am enclosing a Certificate of Appreciation. Your interest and participation has been most helpful.

Sincerely,



Floyd H. Mann  
Special Assistant  
to the President

FHM:fcf

Enclosure-1

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

November 1, 1973

PERSONAL

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Butler:

I want to commend you in recognition of your outstanding performance relating to the investigation of the Interstate Transmission of Wagering Information case concerning Peter Anthony Cabrini Anella and others. Additionally, I have granted a \$150.00 incentive award to you which is represented by the enclosed check.

Your discreet and effective liaison ability enabled the Bureau to properly discharge its obligations in this most difficult and complex endeavor. The supervision you afforded to an important phase of this operation was of immeasurable aid in the success attained with the arrest of numerous subjects. You disregarded personal considerations and displayed admirable dedication to duty which brings considerable credit to you as well as to the FBI and I am most appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

Enclosure

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 27, 1974

PERSONAL

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Butler:

It is indeed a pleasure for me to commend you for  
your exemplary performance incident to the investigation of  
[redacted], the subject of an Interstate Transpor-  
tation of Stolen Property case.

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Through the thorough, adroit, and aggressive  
fashion in which you handled your responsibilities, valuable  
evidence was secured which brought about the solution in this  
endeavor. You may be sure that your efforts are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 17, 1974

PERSONAL

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Butler:

I have learned of your commendable efforts relative to the FBI Academy Associates Annual Retraining Session recently held in Birmingham, Alabama.

Through your skillful and competent services, you were most instrumental in the successful results of this session. Your valuable performance in this regard was especially worthy of recognition and was of benefit to the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

September 15, 1975

PERSONAL

Mr. Ralph N. Butler  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Butler:

Your skillful efforts with regard to the investigation of [redacted] and others, the subjects of an Interstate Transmission of Wagering Information case are certainly commendable. Moreover, you will be happy to learn that I have approved for you a \$150.00 incentive award. Enclosed is the check representing this award.

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Due to the professional manner in which you handled your technical responsibilities, you aided materially in the success achieved with the indictment and conviction of numerous subjects. The Bureau has benefited immeasurably from your valuable services and I am appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

*Clarence M. Kelley*  
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1400 - 2121 8th Avenue North  
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May 28, 2002

Mr. Ralph Butler  
2145 Cameron Circle  
Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Dear Mr. Butler:

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my personal appreciation, as well as that of the entire FBI, for your assistance in the prosecution of Thomas Edwin Blanton, Jr. and Bob Cherry.

As you know, this case involved the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church which occurred on September 15, 1963, and resulted in the deaths of four young girls and the injury of 19 others.

You and your fellow Agents conducted a massive and impressive investigation from the date this heinous incident occurred. Your devotion to the case then and the willingness and desire you displayed after so many years to continue to assist is gratifying.

Your knowledge and professionalism helped in a most significant way in convicting Mr. Blanton and Mr Cherry.

I know that all of the other Agents who worked on this case would be grateful for what you have accomplished in this matter. You again brought credit upon the FBI.

Let me offer my sincerest appreciation to you for not only what you did at this time, but also for your efforts then.

Sincerely,

Charlene B. Thornton  
Special Agent in Charge



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December 3, 2008

Mr. Brian Hollstein  
Oral History Project  
Society of Former Special Agents



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Re: "The FBI Oral History Project: Interview of Former FBI  
Special Agent Ralph N. Butler"

Dear Mr. Hollstein,

This letter is in response to the October 15, 2008, submission for review, pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) (Manual of Administrative Operations and Procedures (MAOP), Part I, 1-24), of a transcript of an interview with former SA Ralph N. Butler for "The Oral History Project."

The transcript was reviewed pursuant to the terms of the PRP and it was concluded that nothing contained in the manuscript fell within a restricted area of disclosure. Therefore, there is no objection to your providing the transcript, as presented, for publication.

Should you have any questions, please contact [redacted] at 540-868-1697. Thank b6 -2  
you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

Sincerely,

*mailed 12/9/08*

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